

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 65 March, 2021

Obstacle course approved for Watson's Green

THE Burdekin's first Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course will become reality in Home Hill from May, after the Burdekin Shire Council gave the tick of approval to the project at an ordinary meeting in February.

Obstacle course specialists, A_Space will construct the state-of-the-art course, which Council Deputy Mayor Sue Perry said would offer something for all skill levels.

"The Home Hill Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course will be unique to the Burdekin, with Council Officers working with contractor, A_Space on the development of a custom wrap-around design," she said.

"With many of the obstacles similar in design to those seen on TV, this equipment will inspire generations to come and demonstrate that fit-

ness can be fun with a little bit of imagination.

"All A_Space obstacle courses can be paired with a phone app, allowing you to race your friends or keep track of your own personal best times completing the course – all of the information will be included in signage on the completed course."

Cr Perry said this was a fantastic and contemporary attraction for not only

Burdekin residents but those further afield.

"I look forward to seeing people making use of the Burdekin's many brilliant outdoor spaces as we enter the slightly cooler months."

Initial ground work to remove car tracks has started on the Watson's green site following the area's Master Plan being adopted by the council last month.



An artist's impression of the design of the Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course which will become reality in Home Hill from May.

Fundraising benefits from art and sport

THE last Saturday in March (27th) will be a big day for both sport and culture in Home Hill, as both will be prominent in leading individual fundraising activities in the town in two different areas.

Artisans will be highlighting their talents in the fields of dressmaking, as seamstresses display their efforts in converting fashions from the past that have lost their shine into items that would be prominent on any catwalk



Updated fashions that impressed the judges in the 2019 event.

or fashion event, with all money raised helping to raise the profile of the Burdekin Artisans Community Association Inc. and their Home Hill base.

While that event is to take place on the Burdekin Netball Association Courts, sport for charity will be prominent at the neighbouring Home Hill Olympic Swimming Pool complex, where a 12 Hour Relay Swim for Leukaemia is expected to attract well over 200 people throughout the day to raise funds and awareness of Blood Cancer Research.

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Leading the way in preparing for the 12 Hour Relay Swim (from left) Lisa and Lloyd Shepherd and Deni and Kavette Caspanello.

IT IS better to be safe than sorry—that is obviously one of the mottos of the Health Service personnel at the Home Hill Hospital.

We had some queries from local residents as to why two large trees were taken out from the Health Department land surrounding the hospital—trees that seemed to be many decades old and which provided considerable shade for people making use of them.

With the State Emergency Service using some of the land under the huge Rain/Fig tree for local residents to access and, in times of emergencies such as floods or cyclones, we checked with the Burdekin Shire Council as to whether they had input into the decision to remove the trees, but they indicated that it had nothing to do with them,

We then approached the staff of the Hospital, who were able to provide an answer to the queries—it was all to do with safety.

A hospital spokesperson said the removal was on the recommendation of a qualified arborist as a safety issue, because falling branches were a danger to those making use of its shade and when filling sand bags. We were advised that it is hoped to replace the trees with other suitable varieties in the future.

THE crime wave in Townsville and other areas of Queensland was discussed briefly at the recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, especially with our community being kept away from the consequences of much of the actions of the perpetrators of the car stealing, burglaries and other antics that are badly affecting people's lives. It is disappointing that the emphasis seems to be on the well-being of the youthful criminals instead of on the individuals and families who are left to count the cost of losing vehicles without any form of compensation. Surely there should be some way of providing restitution for those costs involved in cars being stolen and burnt out. The meeting did raise

The finer points of Home Hill . .

THE Burdekin Shire Council has not wasted any time getting started on initial works on its new Ninja Warrior Course on Watson's Green.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting was told last week that the cement driveway tracks that were put in many years ago to service the back of businesses in the area (pictured) would be removed to make way for the project and that work was carried out almost immediately after the advice was given. Mayor Lyn McLaughlin outlined the project to Chamber members and answered questions about where it was to be sited and its costings.

That included advice to a former councillor at the meeting, after he had regularly pointed out that council was always spending all their money in Ayr, that the funds were being spent in Giru (about one-third) and all the rest was to be spent in Home Hill.

what happened in Home Hill many years ago when our community had a major issue with crime and the people of the town came together to find a solution. That resulted in all-night patrols by volunteers (not vigilantes) who kept a watch over the town and a lookout was kept for possible offenders, with information passed on to police to ensure they were not doing anything untoward. It was another case of how the town of Home Hill and its people work together in times of adversity and the end result was a reduction in the crime at the time. The co-operation between the police and the community at that time proved to be very successful and it could be used as an example of what could be achieved by working together. However, that instance was many years ago and with the way times have changed, such a suggestion could bring out those who like to raise issues that weren't even thought of as a problem in those times.

IT looks like March is going to be a very busy month, with major events being planned in and around the Home Hill community in various areas

The council went out of its way to ensure there was public input into the plans for the upgrade of Watsons Green and the Home Hill Park, but little was known of the final result and they went ahead with plans without the community knowing what those plans were—hence questions were asked about where the project was to be sited. A follow-up with the community would have helped keep everyone informed, including advice on future parking on Watsons Green when there is full use of

the Burdekin Memorial Hall for a major event. The new works do seem to be taking away a major part of that parking, which has been essential in the past for the orderly parking of vehicles accessing hall events. Despite that, it is pleasing to see that council is allocating so much to a project in Home Hill, which will be of benefit to everyone at a time when there is increasing emphasis on health and obesity.



of sporting and cultural interests. We have highlighted in this issue of *The Home Hill News* the two big events to be held on March 27—with 12 hours of swimming at the Home Hill Pool benefiting the Leukaemia Foundation and the talents of the seamstresses around the north being brought out to show how fashion items that are past their prime can be brought up to current day standards at very little cost—and in that case, it is the talented Artisans in the community that will benefit through their organisation gaining the profits.

Our Cricket and Tennis Associations have major events coming up in the months ahead while the Burdekin Race Club will be back in action on April 10, which will lead into the resurrection of the Burdekin Growers Race Day in May after it was one of the many major events that succumbed to the ravages of the COVID-19 Pandemic throughout 2020.

Hopefully, the ongoing wet weather since the start of this year, while not overly excessive, so far, does not have a detrimental effect.

- DAVID JACKSON

Emphasis on rags upgrade

THE Burdekin Artisan Community Association Inc. is again attracting strong interest from seamstresses both locally and from out-of-town with over 20 entries registered in the third Rags to Runway competition.

The previous event in 2019 proved very popular, both with entrants and for patrons who enjoyed the outdoor setting of tables and seating set out on the main court at the Burdekin Netball Association.

This year's competition has been extended to now offer four sections, double that of the second event, with judging to take place on Saturday morning, March 27 ahead of the presentation of all of the entries and the announcement of the winners at the Netball complex that night.

On top of the two sections that were judged in the 2019 competition—a Budget Challenge with a maximum spend of \$30 (last time \$40) and an Open section for any second-hand garment/fabric items remodelled—this year, entrants can also enter in a Racewear Budget Challenge, with a maximum spend of \$40 and a Junior Section for ages up to 18 years.

All Budget entries must include the costs of components as well as all accessories and garments must comply with standards of public decency, amongst other things.

Proof of purchase of all items used in the entry will form part of the required entry documentation. Tickets for the event are available at 170 Arts on the Avenue (adjacent to Ashworth's Rock Shop) at a cost of \$40.

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Swim marathon for Leukaemia

OVER 200 participants, comprising swimmers, sponsors and supporters are expected to crowd the Home Hill Olympic Swimming Pool on Saturday, March 27, 2021, to support teams taking part in a 12 Hour Relay Swim for Leukaemia.

In a first for Home Hill and the Leukaemia Foundation at the pool, the Community Day is a project instigated by former Leukaemia sufferer and 25-year-old Home Hill resident, Deni Caspanello, who is now in remission from the stage four Hodgkin's Lymphoma that she contracted a year ago. Ms Caspanello said she had a desire to raise money for research, based on clinical trials that had been carried out on the disease. "Originally, the treatment involved 21-days and eight cycles with radiation at the end," she said. "Now, the new research has four cycles with no radiation. All the money raised will go to research into and awareness of blood cancer and to 'The Village' in Townsville, which supports Leukaemia sufferers from places like the Burdekin."

Deni Caspanello's mother, Kavette also stressed their desire to set up a Leukaemia Supporter's Group in the Burdekin. "A lot of people who have had that disease were not aware of what was involved in the treatment," she said, as she encouraged local residents to go to the pool for the opening ceremony from 8am. Plans include the doors opening to the Home Hill Pool at 7am for an 8am start and continuing throughout the day to an 8pm finish. The day will commence with all teams participating in a one lap walk around the pool honouring survivors, supporters and those who have been lost to the disease.

There will also be a cake to cut, before the start to swimming, with each team to have at least one of its members in the pool at any time over the duration of the swim. Teams can consist of unlimited numbers of swimmers, with some of the 14 teams already nominated having as few as four and as many at 14. It will cost \$300 to register a team for the day and all ages will be welcome to participate.

Nomination of teams will close on March 22, so there is still plenty of time for prospective teams to get their nominations registered. The large crowd will be well catered for, with the Osborne School providing breakfast, the Lions and Rotary Clubs providing lunch and St. Colman's Primary School catering for dinner. Live entertainment will be provided by Jeremy Romeo, the Home Hill Choral Society, Eddie Power, Amaya Licciardello and others. There will be free entry to the pool, lots of raffles and plenty of prizes to be won along with "Team Spirit" prizes.

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Local youth invited to have their say

HIGH School students from Home Hill have been invited to join others from across the Burdekin to step up and have their voice heard, as the Burdekin Shire Youth Council welcomes new members to their 2021 meetings. Made up of youth from across the Shire, the Youth Council collaborates on community projects, volunteers at major events and fundraises for causes close to the hearts of its members. Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said she was excited to see what 2021 would bring. "While the Youth Council was limited in activities due to the pandemic last year, I am excited to see them hit the ground running, attending monthly meetings, learning meeting procedures and organising events and fundraising projects in 2021," she said. "Being a part of Youth Council provides members with a range of unique experiences and opportunities and I encourage Burdekin students to give it a go this year."



Can you name any of these players?

ASSISTANCE is being sought to name former Home Hill rugby league players in a photo that will be part of a book being written since late 2019 by former Ayr resident, Martin Grandelis on the history of the Ayr, Home Hill and Burdekin Rugby Leagues.

Rugby League started in Ayr around 1912 and a few years later, the sport was introduced to Home Hill. Throughout the twentieth century, both centres developed an intense rivalry and for many decades, both Ayr and Home Hill had their own rugby league club competitions.

When the Home Hill representative team defeated Ayr in two matches in 1946, there was jubilation in Home Hill and shocked disbelief in Ayr. From 1948, the Foley Shield was introduced and Ayr was one of the original participating Leagues. From 1949 until the early 1950s, the Home Hill representative team also participated in the Foley Shield. From 1956, Home Hill became a club in the Ayr - and from 1963 - the Burdekin Rugby League club and representative competition.

The book has attracted much interest and many local residents have come

forward with old newspaper clippings, programs, photographs and stories from rugby league's colourful past. Over time, Mr Grandelis has sourced a number of old team photographs, but is missing many of the player's and official's names.

One such photograph is the accompanying one of possibly a Zambucks A grade team, that was a powerful force in the Home Hill club competition - or it may be a Home Hill representative team. The information to date is that the photograph is believed to have been taken in the late 1940s. If you can recognise some players in the photograph or have details about it, Mr Grandelis would love to hear from you.

He is also keen to source a photograph of the Home Hill junior team from 1956, which was the first Home Hill team to win a premiership after they entered the Ayr Rugby League club competition.

To anyone who can help in any way, Martin Grandelis would love to hear from you. He can be contacted on 0437 047 966 or by email at martin.grandelis@gmail.com

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Workshops for Tech Savvy seniors

The Burdekin Library's popular Seniors Embracing Technology sessions will return next month, offering 'free' workshops covering all aspects of modern technology, which are being offered at the Home Hill Library in March.

The sessions will range from an introduction to computers through to accessing the internet, using tablets and more. The will be held once a month at the Home Hill Library from 2pm to 4pm and also at the Burdekin Library (10am to midday) and will cover all of the basics. For information, go to the Burdekin Library website. Bookings are essential on 4783 9970.

Groper waits for Grey Nomad Award announcement

with Jeanette Garvey

GROPER Creek Caravan Park has been named as a finalist in the national Grey Nomad Awards, with the winner being announced on the Sunshine Coast at the time of this edition going to print. Just being shortlisted for this coveted national award in the Small Caravan Park category has been an honour and only cements our region's reputation as a bucket list destination for mature age tourists. Anonymous judges visited, dubbing us the "Undiscovered Karumba" and "Kadadu of the North". They "loved the quirkiness of the caravan park, which has the only second-floor public telephone booth in the country, vibrantly painted fishing shacks that are reminiscent of Victoria's Brighton Beach and electrical plugs high on poles to escape damage from almost yearly flood waters". They also commented— "we're impressed that the managers and the Home Hill Boat Club volunteers work so hard to make sure that this park is fully restored after each of Mother Nature's flooding events – that must take spirit, fortitude and dedication". Word of mouth is the best form of advertising and we often have tourists comment on just how friendly Burdekin locals are. Tourism is pivotal to our economy and locals should encourage their families and friends to visit and experience what the Burdekin has to offer.

DEDICATED stalwart of the Home Hill Boat Club, Mr Alf Shand was recently recognised for his voluntary contribution to the club with a plaque commissioned to commemorate his remarkable 51 years as Treasurer. The Shand Family has had a hut at Groper Creek since 1938 and Alf's father, Mr Harold (Chum) Shand was Commodore from 1950 to 1953. Alf also served as Commodore for six years (1963 to 1968) before serving as Secretary and then Treasurer. The Groper Creek fountain in the children's playground was last year reconstructed, thanks to Bendigo Bank's Community Grants Scheme funding and now boasts acknowledgements to both Chum and Alf Shand.



Home Hill Boat Club Commodore, Ross Chapman (right) congratulates Alf Shand on his long-term dedication and 51 years of service as Treasurer.



ONE year has passed and still no word on when rectification works will commence to repair the banks of Mosquito

Creek, at the entry to the Groper Creek Caravan Park, which were washed out by the February, 2020 deluge. A representation to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Steven Miles MP by Member for Burdekin, Dale Last has advised the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) is still waiting on more information from the Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust (BSRIT) with regards to its development application to install a rock revetment wall at Mosquito Creek, to address erosion issues and protect the nearby township of Groper Creek.



Treasurer of the Home Hill Boat Club, Lyn Dowe checks out the park electrical upgrades being completed by local electrician, Chris Clive and his offsider (son), Conny.

QUIRKINESS is one thing the Grey Nomads judges said they loved at Groper Creek and they even made special mention of having to climb ladders to plug in power. Yes, everything's on stilts for a reason! The Home Hill Boat Club has recently invested significant funds to upgrade power within the park and whilst it may seem quirky to climb up and down to plug in power, the ladders have disappeared at Groper Creek. Plug-in outlets are now positioned lower on a retractable system which can be rolled up and mounted high in times of flooding. We've just made things safer and easier for our grey and not-so-grey nomad travellers.

Arts and Cultural strategy survey

THE Burdekin community has been invited to have its say on the development of a proposed Burdekin Arts and Cultural Strategy, which will be designed to enhance the cultural vitality of the Shire by contributing to personal enrichment, community wellbeing and regional prosperity.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the survey would guide the development of the strategy by identifying community interests. "The proposed Arts and Cultural Strategy is an exciting document for the Burdekin, assisting in guiding cultural activities in the region and providing a basis for funding submissions for projects included in the strategy across the Shire," she said.

"Culture in its widest sense is about

what matters to people and communities - from who we are to what we value. A culturally vibrant community encourages locals to stay in the region, attracts new residents and is more appealing to visitors.

"Heightening our cultural vitality will position the Burdekin as an attractive place to live, work, play and invest," Cr McLaughlin said as she thanked consultant, Stephen Clark from aha! goodthinking for assisting Council in the development of the strategy and encouraging everyone in the community to have their say in the survey. Access the Burdekin Arts and Cultural Strategy Survey is at <http://bit.ly/BDKACS>. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 31.



Camber still on the cards

It has been a just over six months since Senator Susan McDonald and I visited the Home Hill Chamber of Commerce meeting and the fight to fix the deadly camber of Eighth Avenue is far from over.

After writing to the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack about the issue, I have since raised the idea to see a patented drainage design, similar to what has already been installed in Queen Street, Ayr constructed in Eighth Avenue.

The gutter length grill design could ensure storm water is able to efficiently drain away from Eighth Avenue, while potentially repairing dangerous camber issues. Council has previously said they will assess the performance of the VSlime Drain and I would think that, if the system is found to be successful, then it may be the ideal solution for Home Hill.



Member for Burdekin, Dale Last in one of the deep gutters outside a Home Hill business, where it proves difficult for motorists to open doors of their vehicles.

Congratulations

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Groper Creek Caravan Park which was named among the finalists for the 2020 Best Grey Nomad Small Caravan Park category of the Grey Nomad Awards 2020. It is a wonderful achievement for a much-loved gem in our community. It was also great to see the Home Hill Golf Club among the list of recipients for the latest round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants.

Please remember that I am happy to provide Letters of Support or act as a referee for any grant applications, simply contact my office on 1800 817 594 or send an email to burdekin@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Til next time, stay safe and well. Dale.

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Stronger protections for farmers against activists

I AM very pleased to welcome stronger measures that will protect farmers against extreme animal activists.

I'm sure these measures will bring great relief for the many farmers who live with the threat of having their property destroyed and vandalised, not to mention the serious biosecurity and animal welfare risks these destructive extremists bring with them.

From now on, activist organisations that illegally harass, intimidate and spy on farming families will no longer be able to claim tax-free status for their fundraising efforts. And they face a wider range of prohibited conduct – new regulations now include trespass, unlawful entry, malicious damage or vandalism and threatening violence. Any breaking of the law will result in the stripping of their charitable status.

Activists who take the law into their own hands will now find it more difficult to fund their illegal operations and that is a good thing for Australian farmers and their families.

Book your next holiday in a world-class location, right on your doorstep

THERE are plenty of great holiday destinations in Australia and our offerings here in the North are right up there with the best of them. Right now we need to support the tourism workers and businesses in this area, hence I'm encouraging people to book a holiday locally this year.

The Morrison Liberal National Government has launched a \$5 million campaign highlighting Australia's incredible destinations, experiences and tourism products from every state and territory. More holiday dollars spent means more support for the businesses that have struggled to stay afloat due to COVID-19 closures and restrictions. I'd encourage you to do your bit by sampling a slice of what our incredible region has to offer.



LEFT—There's a lot to see and do right here in our own region. Get down to the Burdekin Visitor Information Centres at the Gateway Information Centre in Home Hill and at the Plantation Park Centre in Ayr for tips on what to explore.

Authorised by Federal Member for Dawson George Christensen, 2/21 Milton St, Mackay Qld 4740. Phone 4944 0662

Uli Liessmann comments . .

Uli Liessmann reports on local issues

ULI Liessmann is on holidays and is unable to submit his column for this month. His monthly report will return in the April issue of the Home Hill News.



Birthday celebrations



THE Family of Glenys Milburn gathered together at her home in Milburn's Road on Friday, January 22 to help her celebrate her Ninetieth birthday— 90 years after her birth on January 22, 1931. Family members came from various points of the state to help celebrate the occasion with other relatives from the Burdekin and further afield. Glenys was one of a family of six children of Frank and Sylvia Swindley of Up River Road, Home Hill. After being educated at the Home Hill State Primary and High Schools, she worked at Moland Accountants in Home Hill until she married George Milburn and left to have her family of five children, comprising (from left, back) Sylvia Raleigh, Bruce Milburn, Donna Rathbone (deceased), Blair Milburn and Pamela Kennedy. Glenys has 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the state and were unable to attend the celebration.

Talent showcase nominations open

NOMINATIONS are open for Fast Track North Queensland, which is set to return to the Burdekin Theatre on Saturday, March 20.

The talent showcase invites performers from all disciplines across the North, including Home Hill, to enter, with over \$5000 of prizes and money to be won.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said it was fantastic to be welcoming the Fast Track talent scouts back to the Burdekin, as she described the event as "a fantastic opportunity for all performers – from singers and dancers to bands, musicians, comedians and more – to gain experience on stage and be seen by capital city talent scouts here in the Burdekin."

She said they were just days away from the 2020 Talent Showcase when mass gathering re-

strictions were introduced, forcing the event's cancellation.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome contestants to the Burdekin Theatre this March for a day of performances which I am sure will be bigger and better than ever before." The 2021 special guest is Jack Vidgen, who is fresh out of the jungle from the latest season of *I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here*.

"There are only a limited number of spots, so I encourage anyone with a passion for performing to apply," the mayor said.

Applications are now open and prospective contestants should email their contact and performance details to burdekin@fasttracktalent.com.au or visit fasttracktalent.com.au for more information.

Home Hill youth among new apprentices

FOUR young Home Hill residents are among 14 new apprentices, who have been welcomed by Wilmar Sugar Australia to the commencement of their new careers at its Burdekin mills recently.

The group, which also includes four from Ayr and one each from Gumlu, Giru, Brandon and Clare, comprises five electrical, four fitting and turning, four boilermaking and one diesel fitting apprentice.

Wilmar Training Superintendent, Daniel Shipard said 25 first-year apprentices had joined the company as part of its 2021 intake, including seven in the Herbert and four in the Mackay region.

"I'm certainly excited about the new apprentices coming on board and I am looking forward to watching them grow over the course of their four-year

apprenticeship," he said.

"Our Herbert and Burdekin apprentices have just completed a two-week safe start course at the Burdekin TAFE facility in Home Hill and officially started working at their respective mill sites in February, while our Mackay region apprentices commenced late last year."

While the majority of the new apprentices will be working at the workshops at Pioneer Sugar Mill, new electrical apprentice, Julien Arrate (pictured) will take up his position at Inkerman Mill in Home Hill.

Wilmar has created more than 300 new apprenticeship positions since buying Sucrogen in 2011.



Places to see, things to do in the Home Hill district

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisan Community invites you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex from 9.30am to 1pm Tuesdays, 10am to 5pm each day from Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 1pm Saturday.

Beachmount/Wunjunga—Visitors can move off the Bruce Highway south of Home Hill to spend time at the community's beaches—Beachmount and the community of Wunjunga. Travel east off the highway south of Inkerman across gravel roads until meeting the sea in the vicinity of Funny Dunny Park where tourists can enjoy a stay in pleasant surroundings.

Burdekin River and the Burdekin bridge - part of the Bruce Highway plus Home Hill Lions Club Diorama at southern end of bridge, which features five new panels detailing the pioneering sugar industry work of John Drysdale and the town's early history;

Burdekin National Servicemen's Association meets at the Home Hill Community Sports Club on the first Sunday of each month from February to December, starting at 9.30 am. Contact Secretary (4782 2368) or President (4783 5529).

Burdekin Toastmasters meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Phone 0438 620 180 or 0409 615 559 for details.

Card making, scrapbooking, album making and assorted jewellery classes at Lynn and Mike's Craft Studio, Home Hill. Phone 0418 783 799 for details of how to participate.

Charlie's Hill World War II site, about seven kilometres south of Home Hill – former radar station during the second world war—Old igloos and gun emplacement still in place;

For the sports man and woman - Join in the friendly atmosphere at the **Home Hill Golf Course** (4782 1632—amongst the cane fields on Iona Road), at the excellent **Home Hill Tennis complex** in the centre of the Home Hill Race Track; or at the **Home Hill Community Sports Club Inc.** (4782 1185) which offers roll-up bowls Thursdays and Sundays at 12.30pm with an open bar.

Groper Creek - worth a look as it is a unique small village—one of the many creeks in the Burdekin Delta allowing access to the numerous fishing areas throughout the district—very popular with visitors who return each year to enjoy our climate over several months;

Home Hill Swimming Pool (Eleventh Avenue) is open throughout the summer months—5.30am to 7pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 5.30am to 6pm Wednesday; 10am to 6pm Sunday.

Home Hill Service Clubs—The **Home Hill Lions Club** meets at the Crown Hotel on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The **Home Hill Rotary Club** meets at their Club House (58 Thirteenth Avenue, Home Hill) on the first Tuesday of each month and at the Malpass Hotel, Home Hill at 6.30pm on each other Tuesday night of the month. Visitors are welcome at both clubs.

Mount Inkerman—approximately 12km south of Home Hill, near the township of Inkerman. Access to the top is via a narrow road, which is not suitable for caravans and a "Nature Trail" for walkers. The narrow road has been widened in sections and a number of new safety barriers installed. Recommend visiting as there are outstanding views of the surroundings such as cane and other farms.

Old Time Dancing at the St Helen's Anglican Church Hall, Tenth Avenue, Home Hill every Saturday evening;

Pioneer Avenue Plaques – learn about the history of many of the pioneers of Home Hill and the Burdekin District by reading the plaques situated along the western side of the ti-trees in Home Hill's main street

Sing Along with the Home Hill Choral Society— every Wednesday evening at the "The Vault" - the Choral Society Hall in Eighth Avenue—from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The Big Canecutters—Visit the former Home Hill Showgrounds (southern end of town across the railway line) to see the representation of the former canecutters that cut the Burdekin district's sugar cane crop before the advent of mechanical cane harvesting.

Comments on our town or services would be appreciated, Email ddjacko@bigpond.com or secretary@homehillchamber.com